

EXHIBIT 2

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. : Case No.: 7:05-md-01695 (CM)(GAY)
SECURITIES LITIGATION :
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO :
ALL ACTIONS :
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PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 3, 2007.

IF YOU PURCHASED SECURITIES¹ OF VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. (“VEECO”) BETWEEN APRIL 26, 2004 AND FEBRUARY 10, 2005, INCLUSIVE, (“CLASS PERIOD”), YOU MAY BE A “MEMBER OF THE CLASS” ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS. (EXCLUDED FROM THE CLASS ARE: (1) THE DEFENDANTS, MEMBERS OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS, ANY PARENT, SUBSIDIARY, AFFILIATE, OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF VEECO, ANY ENTITY IN WHICH ANY EXCLUDED PERSON HAS A CONTROLLING INTEREST, AND THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS OF ANY EXCLUDED PERSON, AND (2) THE PERSONS AND/OR ENTITIES WHO PREVIOUSLY EXCLUDED THEMSELVES FROM THE CLASS BY FILING A REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION IN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION)

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE CLASS, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SETTLEMENT BENEFITS.

YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND MAIL IT BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3, 2007 TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Veeco Instruments Inc. Securities Litigation
Heffler, Radetich & Saitta LLP
P.O. Box 59027
Philadelphia, PA 19102-9027

¹ This claim form concerns purchases of Veeco common stock. If, during the Class Period, you purchased another type of security issued by Veeco, you should provide the Claims Administrator with information and documents, similar to that required herein for transactions in Veeco common stock, sufficient to identify yourself as well as each purchase, sale or retention of such securities.

YOUR FAILURE TO SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM BY DECEMBER 3, 2007 WILL SUBJECT YOUR CLAIM TO REJECTION AND PRECLUDE YOUR RECEIVING ANY MONEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS LITIGATION. DO NOT MAIL OR DELIVER YOUR CLAIM TO THE COURT OR TO ANY OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR COUNSEL AS ANY SUCH CLAIM WILL BE DEEMED NOT TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM ONLY TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR.

PART I: CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT

1. I affirm that I purchased securities of Veeco between April 26, 2004 and February 10, 2005, inclusive, as listed herein. (Do not submit this Proof of Claim if you did not purchase Veeco securities during this period).

2. By submitting this Proof of Claim, I state that I believe in good faith that I am a Member the Class as defined above and in the Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the "Settlement Notice"), or am acting for such person; that I am not a Defendant in the Action or anyone excluded from the Class; that I have read and understand the Settlement Notice; that I believe that I am entitled to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund; that I elect to participate in the proposed Settlement described in the Settlement Notice; and that I have not previously submitted a request for exclusion. (If you are acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a Member of the Class (e.g., as an executor, administrator, trustee, or other representative), you must submit evidence of your current authority to act on behalf of that Class Member. Such evidence would include, for example, letters testamentary, letters of administration, or a copy of the trust documents.)

3. I consent to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to all questions concerning the validity of this Proof of Claim. I understand and agree that my claim may be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to my status as a Class Member and the validity and amount of my claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Action or Settlement in connection with processing of the Proofs of Claim.

4. I have set forth where requested below all relevant information with respect to each purchase of Veeco securities during the Class Period, and each sale, if any, of such securities. I agree to furnish additional information (including transactions in other Veeco securities) to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so.

5. I have enclosed photocopies of the stockbroker's confirmation slips, stockbroker's statements, or other documents evidencing each purchase, sale or retention of Veeco securities listed below in support of my claim. (IF ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE OBTAIN A COPY OR EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR BROKER BECAUSE THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO PROVE AND PROCESS YOUR CLAIM.)

6. I understand that the information contained in this Proof of Claim is subject to such verification as the Claims Administrator may request or as the Court may direct, and I agree to cooperate in any such verification. (The information requested herein is designed to provide the

minimum amount of information necessary to process most simple claims. The Claims Administrator may request additional information as required to efficiently and reliably calculate your Recognized Claim. In some cases the Claims Administrator may condition acceptance of the claim based upon the production of additional information, including, where applicable, information concerning transactions in any derivatives of the subject securities such as options.)

7. I hereby acknowledge that, as a Member of the Class, I (or the person or entity for whom or which I am executing this Proof of Claim) will be bound by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and Order and Final Judgment in this action and, to the full extent set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, upon the Effective Date will have granted a release of all "Settled Claims" to all "Released Parties" on behalf of myself (or on behalf of the Member for whom or which I submit this Proof of Claim) and my (or such Member's) heirs, agents, executors, administrators, beneficiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns.

8. NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files in the required file layout. All Claimants **MUST** submit a manually signed paper Proof of Claim form listing all their transactions whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you wish to file your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at 1 (877) 451-2127 or visit **www.hrsclaimsadministration.com** to obtain the required file layout. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the Claimant a written acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.

Name(s) of Beneficial Owner(s):

Name

Joint Owner's Name (if any)

If you are a bank or other institution filing on behalf of a third-party, and an account number is needed to identify the claimant for your records, indicate account number here: _____

Address if Beneficial Owner(s):

Street No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Foreign Province Country

() _____ Telephone No. (Day) () _____ Telephone No. (Night)

E-mail Address: _____

Taxpayer I.D. No. or Social Security No.

Check one:

☐ Individual ☐ Corporation
☐ Joint Owners ☐ IRA
☐ Estate ☐ Other _____ (specify)

Record Owner's Name (if different from Beneficial Owner listed above):

[illegible]

Market Maker or Specialist

I was ___/I was not ___ a Market Maker or a Specialist in Veeco common stock during the Class Period.

PART II: SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN VEECO COMMON STOCK

Separately list each of your purchases or sales of Veeco common stock below. Photocopy this page if more space is needed. **Be sure to include and sign your name and the last four digits of your Social Security number or Tax ID number on any additional sheets.** The dates of purchase, acquisition or sale is the "trade" or "contract" date, and not the "settlement" or "payment" date.

9. **BEGINNING HOLDINGS:** At the end of the day on April 23, 2004, I owned the following shares of Veeco common stock. (If none, write "zero" or "0") (If other than zero, must be documented).
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10. **PURCHASES:** I made the following purchases of Veeco common stock between April 26, 2004 and February 10, 2005, inclusive (must be documented). (Persons who received Veeco common stock during the Class Period other than by purchase are not eligible to submit claims for those transactions, except as otherwise provided in the Notice):

Date(s) of Purchase (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares of Common Stock Purchased	Purchase Price Per Share of Common Stock	Aggregate Cost (excluding commissions,	Please Check the Box if this Transaction was the Result of the
/ /		\$	\$	
/ /		\$	\$	
/ /		\$	\$	

Total shares of Veeco common stock purchased from April 26, 2004 through February 10, 2005, inclusive:

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11. **SALES DURING THE CLASS PERIOD:** I made the following sales (including short sales) of Veeco common stock between April 26, 2004 and February 10, 2005, inclusive (must be documented):

Date(s) of Sale (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares of Common Stock Sold	Sale Price Per Share of Common Stock	Amount Received (excluding commissions, taxes, and fees)
/ /		\$	\$
/ /		\$	\$
/ /		\$	\$

Total shares of Veeco common stock sold from April 26, 2004 through February 10, 2005, inclusive:

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12. **SHARES HELD AT THE END OF THE CLASS PERIOD:** At the close of trading on February 10, 2005, I owned the following shares of Veeco common stock (If none, write "zero" or "0") (If other than zero, must be documented): _____

13. **SALES AFTER THE CLASS PERIOD:** I made the following sales (including short sales) of Veeco common stock between February 11, 2005 and May 8, 2006, inclusive (must be documented): (This

section applies only to the shares held at the close of trading on February 10, 2005 as shown in Number 12 above.)

Date(s) of Sale (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares of Common Stock Sold	Sale Price Per Share of Common Stock	Amount Received (excluding commissions, taxes, and fees)
/ /		\$	\$
/ /		\$	\$
/ /		\$	\$

Total shares of Veeco common stock sold from February 11, 2005 through May 8, 2006, inclusive:

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14. **UNSOLD HOLDINGS:** At the close of trading on May 8, 2006, I owned the following shares of Veeco common stock purchased prior to or during the Class Period. (If none, write "zero" or "0") (If other than zero, must be documented):

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE TO LIST YOUR TRANSACTIONS YOU MUST PHOTOCOPY THIS PAGE AND MUST CHECK THIS BOX _____

**YOU MUST READ THE RELEASE BELOW AND SIGN THE RELEASE ON PAGE ____
SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

I (we) submit this Proof of Claim and Release under the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement described in the Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Actions and Hearing Thereon (the "Notice"). I (we) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, with respect to my claim as a member of the Class and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (we) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Action. I (we) agree to furnish additional information to Plaintiff's Counsel and/or the Claims Administrator to support this claim if required to do so. I (we) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases, acquisitions or sales of Veeco Securities during the Class Period and know of no other person having done so on my behalf.

RELEASE

1. I (we) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally, unconditionally, and forever settle, release and discharge with prejudice from the Settled Claims each and all of the Released Parties (as defined below).

2. "Released Parties" means Defendants named in the Action, including their predecessors, successors, subsidiaries, affiliates, and any past, present or future officers, directors, employees, agents, insurers, attorneys, partners, accountants, consultants, advisors and the heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, representatives or assigns of the foregoing.

3. "Settled Claims" shall mean all claims, debts, demands, rights or causes of action or liabilities whatsoever by Lead Plaintiff, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Class, against the Released Parties (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liability whatsoever, or injunctive, equitable or other relief), whether based on federal, state, local, statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, whether fixed or contingent, accrued or un-accrued, liquidated or un-liquidated, at law or in equity, matured or un-matured, whether class or individual in nature, including both known claims and Unknown Claims (as defined below), (i) that have been asserted in this Action by Lead Plaintiff or the Class Members against any of the Released Parties, (ii) that have been or could have been asserted in any forum by Lead Plaintiff or the Class Members against any of the Released Parties which arise out of, relate in any way to or are based upon the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the Complaint and which relate to the purchase, acquisition, holding or sale of Veeco publicly-traded securities during the Class Period, or (iii) that have been or could have been asserted in this Action or any forum by the Class Members or any of them against any of the Released Parties, which arise out of or relate in any way to the defense or settlement of this Action.

4. "Unknown Claims" means any and all Settled Claims which Lead Plaintiff or any Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the

Released Parties, which if known by him, her or it might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement. With respect to any and all Settled Claims, the parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, the Lead Plaintiff and the Defendants shall expressly waive, and each Class Member shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code § 1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

5. I (we) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally and forever release, relinquish and discharge all claims that have been or could have been asserted against Lead Plaintiff and/or Lead Plaintiff's Counsel relating to the institution, prosecution or settlement of the Action or the Settled Claims.

6. I (we) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally, unconditionally, and forever settle, release and expressly waive with prejudice any claims for abuse of process, for malicious prosecution and/or for sanctions under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise.

7. This release shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Stipulation of Settlement and the Stipulation becomes effective on the Effective Date (as defined in the Stipulation).

8. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof

9. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) transactions in Veeco securities which occurred during the Class Period as well as: (1) the number of shares of Veeco Common Stock held by me (us) at the opening of trading on April 26, 2004; (2) the number of shares of Veeco Common Stock held by me (us) at the close of trading on February 10, 2005; (3) the sales of Veeco securities between February 11, 2005 and May 8, 2006; and (4) the number of shares of Veeco Common Stock held by me (us) at the close of trading on May 8, 2006.

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION I (WE) PROVIDED ON THIS PROOF OF CLAIM FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Signature of Claimant (If this claim is being

made on behalf of Joint Claimants, then
each must sign)

(Signature)

(Signature)

Date: _____

(Title/Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g.
beneficial purchaser(s), president, executor,
administrator, trustee, etc.)

SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification.

PART 1

NAME: _____

Check appropriate box:

☐ Individual/Sole Proprietor ☐ Pension Plan
☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust
☐ IRA ☐ Other

Enter TIN on appropriate line. For individuals, this is your Social Security number ("SSN"). For sole proprietors, you must show your individual name, but you may also enter your business or "doing business as" name. You may enter either your SSN or your Employer Identification Number ("EIN"). For other entities, it is your EIN.

____-____-____ or ____-_____
Social Security Number Employer Identification Number

PART 2

CERTIFICATION

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT:

The number shown on this form is my/our correct Taxpayer Identification Number; and I (we) certify that I am (we are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406 (a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code because: (a) I am (we are) exempt from backup withholding; or (b) I (we) have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that I am (we are) subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me (us) that I am (we are) no longer subject to backup withholding.

NOTE: If you have been notified by the IRS that you are subject to backup withholding, you must cross out the word "NOT" above and check here ☐.

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certification required to avoid backup withholding.

NOTE: If you require the instructions for Completing Substitute Form W-9, please make a written request to us at Claims Administrator, Veeco Instruments Inc. Securities Litigation, _____. Please note that your accountant should also be able to provide you with these instructions.

I/We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information supplied by the undersigned is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____,

in _____,
(City) (State / Country)

(Sign your name here) Date

(Type or print your name here) _____

(Sign your name here) Date

(Type or print your name here) _____

Capacity of persons signing (e.g., Beneficial Owner, Executor, Administrator or Corporate Title)

**ACCURATE CLAIM PROCESSING TAKES TIME.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

REMINDER CHECKLIST

1. Please be sure to sign this Proof of Claim. If this Proof of Claim is submitted on behalf of joint claimants, then both claimants must sign.
2. Please remember to attach supporting documents. Do NOT send any stock certificates. Keep copies of everything you submit.
3. Do NOT use highlighter on the Proof of Claim or any supporting documents.
4. If you move after submitting this Proof of Claim, please notify the Claims Administrator of the change in your address.
5. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Proof of Claim by mail, within 30 days. Your claim is not deemed filed until you receive an acknowledgment postcard. If you do not receive an acknowledgment postcard within 30 days, please call the Claims Administrator toll free at 1 (800) 768-8450.

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